On January 9, 1974, the facts of this case were discussed with AUSA RICHARD J. ARCARA and he authorized prosecution of subject in violation of United States Code, Title 18, Section 876. A complaint was filed on the same date charging subject with the above violation before United States Magistrate, EDMUND F. MAXWELL, Buffalo, New York by SA and a warrant was issued.

On January 17, 1974, subject was apprehended without incident by Bureau Agents at his residence,

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was arrested at his residence, by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. was advised by for the identities of the arresting Agents, as Special Agents of the FBI. He was furnished an Advice of Rights form, which he read, stated he understood and signed.

arrested in violation of the Federal Extortion Statute for placing a threatening communication in a United States Post Office mailbox, on October 26, 1973.

denied that he either wrote or placed the questioned postcard in that mailbox.

Interviewed on 1/17/74 of Lackawanna, New York File Buffalo 9-1173

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On January 17, 1974 appeared before United States Magistrate, EDMUND F. MAXWELL at Buffalo, New York, at which time he was arraigned on the above charge and released on \$500 bail. A preliminary hearing was set for 11:00 AM, February 5, 1974.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

: DIRECTOR, FBI (174-4669)

DATE: 5/10/74

FROM:

SAC, BUFFALO (9-1173) (P)

SUBJECT

HOWARD COSELL - VICTIM EXTORTION; BOMB THREATS

Re report of SA

1/21/74 at Buffalo.

Contact has been maintained with AUSA THEODORF J. BURNS, WDNY, Buffalo, re the status of prosecution in this case and he has advised as late as 5/7/74 that this case has case and he has advised as late as 5/7/74 that this case has case and he has advised as late as 5/7/74 that this case has case and he has advised as late as 5/7/74 that this case has case and he has advised as late as 5/7/74 that this case has case and he has advised as Laterney who has requested copy of the original extortion note and copy of the subject's employment application at Republic Steel. AUSA BURNS advised that he furnished these at Republic Steel. AUSA BURNS advised that he furnished these analyzed by an outside handwriting expert.

For the information of Bureau, AUSA BURNS advised that one of the principal reasons why this case has not been set for trial was because of the death of United States District Judge JOHN O. HENDERSON.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (174-4669)

DATE:

8/12/74

FROM

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SAC, BUFFALO (9-1173) (P)

SUBJECT:

MARIAN GEORGE BATKO, aka; HOWARD COSELL - VICTIM EXTORTION; BOMB THREATS



Re Buffalo let to Bureau, 5/10/74 and FD-01, 8/6/74.

Contact has been maintained with AUSA THEODORE J. BURNS re the status of prosecution in this case, and he has advised that case still has motions pending.

On 8/12/74, in the absence of AUSA BURNS, First AUSA RICHARD J. ARCARA was contacted, and he advised his office hopes the trial of the subject will commence this Fall but that motions are still pending in front of USDJ JOHN T. CURTIN.

For the information of the Bureau, it should be pointed out that the WDNY is still operating with two Federal Judges since the death of USDJ JOHN O. HENDERSON.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (174-4669)

(ATTN: FBI LAB DOCUMENT SECTION)

FROM

BUFFALO (9-1173) 2P

AKA; HOWARD COSELL - VICTIM;

EXTORTION; BOMB THREATS

ON SEPT. 6, 1974, AUSA THEODORE J. BURNS ADVISED
THAT CAPTIONED CASE ALONG WITH 19 OTHER CASES SCHEDULED TO
GO TO TRIAL IN FRONT OF FEDERAL JUDGE JOHN T. CURTIN,
BUFFALO, ON SEPT. 10,1974. BURNS STATED IT IS NOT LIKELY
THAT THIS CASE WOULD ACTUALLY GO TO TRAIL AT THAT TIME, BUT
HE DOES EXPECT IT TO BE SCHEDULED FOR TRIAL IN THE LATTER
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ORDER THAT THE DOCUMENT EXAMINER FROM THE LAB MAY BE ALERTED FOR THIS AS HE MAY HAVE TO TRAVEL TO SUFFALO ON VERY SMORT NOTICE.

ON SEPT. 16, 1974, FOR THE ABC TV, MONDAY WIGHT FOOTBALL SHOW AND BURNS FEELS THAT THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY MAY SERVE COSELL WITH A SUBPOENA AT THAT TIME. HE ALSO FEELS THAT JUDGE CURTIN MAY IMMEDIATELY SET THE TRAIL AFTER THAT END PAGE ONE

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It is to be noted that the investigative period of this report is extensive. This was due to the fact that case was pending in U. S. District Court in Buffalo for an extended period of time due to the death of U. S. District Judge JOHN O. HENDERSON and case was not set for hearings in U. S. District Court, Buffalo until Fall of 1974.

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requested to determine if subject was presently employed.

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unable to make the above determination.

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1 - USA, Buffalo

(ATTN: AUSA THEODORE J. BURNS)

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Office: Buffalo, New York

Bureau File #: 174-4669

HOWARD COSELL - VICTIM

Character:

EXTORTION; BOMB THREATS

10/15/74

9-1173

Synopsis:

Contact with AUSA shows that trial of subject would commence Fall of 1974. Trial was set for 9/10/74 but was postponed for motions until 10/7/74. Motion by defense attorney on 10/7/74 requested that victim be subpoenaed as a defense witness for trial purposes at Government expense. Motions pending. Subject's attorney had xerox copies of extortion note and subject's employment application examined by private handwriting examiner. Subject's identification record set forth. ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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Details:

On April 17, 1974, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) THEODORE J. BURNS, Western District of New York, Buffalo, New York, advised that this case has not yet been set for trial and he has been in contact with subject's attorney and that the attorney has been requesting additional copies of the original extortion note and the subject's employment application at Republic Steel in order that he may have them examined by private handwriting expert.

AUSA BURNS was again contacted on May 7, 1974, at which time he stated that this case has not yet been set for trial.

Contact was maintained during June and July, 1974 with AUSA BURNS regarding the status of prosecution of this case. He advised that the case still had motions pending.

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On August 12, 1974, in the absence of AUSA BURNS, First AUSA RICHARD J. ARCARA, Buffalo, was contacted and he advised that his office hopes the trial of subject will commence this Fall but that motions are still pending in front of United States District Court Judge JOHN T. CURTIN.

On September 6, 1974, AUSA BURNS advised that captioned case, along with 19 other cases were scheduled to go to trial in front of Federal Judge JOHN T. CURTIN, Buffalo, New York on July 10, 1974. BURNS stated that it was not likely that this case would actually go to trial at that time but he did expect it to be scheduled for trial in the latter part of September or the first part of October, 1974. BURNS requested that the examiner from the Federal Bureau of Investigation Lab be alerted for this as he might to have to appear in Buffalo on very short notice.

BURNS also stated at this time that he had been in telephonic contact with the victim and he was told by GOSELL that it would be impossible for him, COSELL, to appear in Buffalo for the trial as he had national and international committments.

By letter, dated September 18, 1974, AUSA BURNS advised that on September 10, 1974, Judge CURTIN directed the Government to be ready to proceed to trial in this case on one day's notice. However, since there was one issue remaining to be resolved by the court with arguments scheduled before Judge CURTIN on September 30, 1974, the case would probably be reached for trial sometime in the first part of October, 1974.

On October 3, 1974, AUSA BURNS requested that an effort be made to determine if the subject was presently employed. BURNS stated that a hearing would be held before Judge CURTIN on October 7, 1974, at which time the subject'ss attorney would attempt to have the victim subpoenaed as a defense witness at Government expense.

On October 8, 1974, AUSA BURNS advised that the hearing had been held and that Judge CURTIN reserve decision.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DIRECTOR, FBI (174-4669)

DATE: 7/8/75

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FROM :

RDR

SAC, BUFFALO (9-1173)

subject:

HOWARD COSELL - VICTIM EXTORTION; BOMB THREATS

On 6/18/75 AUSA THEODORE J. BURNS, WDNY, advised that U.S. District Judge JOHN T. CURTIN was presently on vacation and a trial date had not been set as yet in this matter.

On 7/7/75 AUSA BURNS stated he had conferred with Judge CURTIN during the previous week in this matter and that Judge CURTIN stated he would set this matter for trial sometime in the fall of 1975. BURNS continued that there was a visiting Judge scheduled to come to Buffalo and it is possible that this matter may be brought up in front of him rather than waiting for Judge CURTIN in the fall.

Since no new information has been developed, a report is not being submitted in this matter at this time.

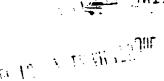
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by the USA, Buffalo, to prepare a letter under the USA's signature to be addressed to the Judge urging him to bring this matter to a logical conclusion.

The delay in reporting in this case is to be noted and was caused by the fact that the Case Agent was involved in more expedite 91 matters.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

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(Attn: AUSA THEODORE J. BURNS)

Report of:

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2/12/76

9-1173

Office: Buffalo, New York

Date:

Bureau File #: 174-4669

Title:

HOWARD COSELL - VICTIM

Character:

EXTORTION: BOMB THREATS

Synopsis:

Subject's trial still pending USDC, Buffalo. No trial date set. USDJ, Buffalo, ordered victim to be subpoenaed for trial when it eventually starts.

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Details:

On April 17, 1974, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) THEODORE J. BURNS, Western District of New York, Buffalo, advised that this case has not yet been set for trial and he has been in contact with the subject's attorney who requested copies of the original extortion note in this case, which AUSA BURNS furnished to him.

On August 12, 1974, in the absence of AUSA BURNS, First AUSA RICHARD J. ARCARA (now United States Attorney) was contacted and he advised that his office hoped the trial of the subject would commence in the fall of 1974 but that motions were still pending in front of United States District Judge JOHN T. CURTIN.

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time, but he did expect it to be scheduled for trial the later part of September or the first part of October, 1974.

By communication dated September 18, 1974, AUSA BURNS advised that on September 10, 1974, Judge CURTIN directed the Government to be ready to proceed to trial in this case in one day's notice. However, since there was one issue remaining to be resolved by the Court with arguments scheduled before Judge CURTIN on September 30, 1974, AUSA BURNS did not expect the case would be listed for trial before October, 1974.

On December 2, 1974, Judge CURTIN ruled that the Government must subpoena Television Network Sports Commentator HOWARD COSELL to testify in the coming trial of who is charged with sending a death threat addressed to the Announcer.

On June 18, 1975, and July 7, 1975, AUSA BURNS was contacted and he stated that during recent conferences with Judge CURTIN on this matter, Judge CURTIN stated that he would set this matter for trial for sometime in the fall of 1975. BURNS was recontacted on September 4, 1975, and October 1, 1975, and advised that the case has still not been set for trial.

On January 9, 1976, and February 9, 1976, AUSA BURNS was contacted and on both occasions he advised the case has still not been set for trial.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (174-4669)

DATE:

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FROM

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SAC, BUFFALO (9-1173) (P*)

SUBJECT

HOWARD COSELL - VICTIM EXTORTION; BOMB THREATS (OO: BUFFALO)

Rerep of SA Bureau 0-1, 9/10/76.

2/12/76, at Buffalo; and

For information of Bureau, this case is kept in a pending inactive status in the Buffalo Division.

Also, for the information of the Bureau, contact has been maintained with the USA's Office, Buffalo, N.Y.; and AUSA THEODORE J. BURNS was contacted on 9/13/76. AUSA BURNS felt that Judge JOHN T. CURTIN, WDNY, might bring this matter up for trial at this time since victim was in Buffalo for regular Monday night NFL game, but AUSA BURNS advised that Judge CURTIN still has not set this matter for trial.

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7-126 (Rev. 10-6-75) OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 MAY 1962 EDITION GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT emorandum (Type or hand print.) : Section Chief DATE: C-G-T Section SOMMER Section . SUBJECT: HOWARD COSELL- VICTIM THREAT EYTORTION -BomB 01 Examiner/s CC 25 File # <u>174-4</u>669 Symbol/s 35 Court/Agency 20 Man Workdays FEDERAL COURT 50 City & State BUFFALO 05 Date s 77 Testified Yes ☐ Yes ☐ Yes ∃ No No ∃No 79 Reason: 01. Guilty Plea 05. Testimony Not Needed 02. Case Continued 06. Mistrial 07. FOUND GUILTY 03. Case Dismissed 04. Stipulation 77 Miscellaneous Commitments: (MC) 79 Reason: 01. Lecture/Training (Others) 05. Field Examination of Evidence 02. Training (Self) 06. Research/Data Acquisition 03. Speech 04. Pretrial Conference 08. Investigative Support 09. Communication Support Results of Trial ON VICTION J. BURNS Defense Attorney SAMUEL PERLA Prosecuting Attorney + HEO DORE

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of:

4/26/77

Office: Buffalo, New York

Date:

Field Office File #:

9-1173

174-4669 Bureau File #:

Title:

HOWARD COSELL - VICTIM

Character:

EXTORTION; BOMB THREATS

Synopsis:

Subject convicted USDC, Buffalo on 3/11/77 and on 4/18/77, USDJ. Buffalo suspended imposition of sentence remain and placed him on probation for period of one year.

Details:

and January 24, 1977, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) THEODORE J. BURNS, Western District of New York (NDNY), Buffalo, New York, advised the trial in captioned case had been reset for March 8, 1977.

On March 9, 1977, subject's trial commenced with jury selection on March 8, 1977.

By letter dated March 14, 1977, AUSA BURNS advised that on March 11, 1977, a jury found guilty of mailing a threatening communication to HOWARD COSELL in October, 1973. United States District Judge (USDJ) JOHN T. CURTIN had scheduled sentencing for Monday, April 18, 1977.

By communication dated April 19, 1977, AUSA BURNS advised that on April 18, 1977, Judge CURTIN suspende and placed him on imposition of sentence on probation for a period of one year.

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noted television and movie personality, received a letter and cassette tape from subject, in which requested \$5,000 from and made veiled threats to numerous individuals. This matter was presented to Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA)

R. JEFFREY WAGNER, Eastern District of Wisconsin (EDW), on 6/25/86, who advised that he would review to determine if a violation existed.

On 6/30/86, AUSA WAGNER was advised of subject's extortion attempt against HOWARD COSELL per referenced New York airtel. AUSA WAGNER stated that since subject identified himself in the above-mentioned letters, a latent fingerprint comparison is unwarranted. Upon receipt of the letter and tape which was sent to COSELL, AUSA WAGNER will review and render prosecutive opinion.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

Identification Division/Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to discontinue processing letter per referenced New York airtel.

Laboratory Division/Document Section is requested to discontinue comparison of letter to anonymous letter file per referenced New York airtel. It is further requested that evidence be forwarded to the Milwaukee Division.

Technical Services Division/Engineering Section is requested to continue examination of cassette tape and upon completion forward same to Milwaukee.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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DATE: 6/23/86

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI

ID/LFS; LABORATORY DIVISION/DOCUMENT

SECTION: TSD/ENGINEERING SECTION)

ADIC, NEW YORK (NA-2517) (RUC) (JTF-1)

SUBJECT:

HOWARD COSELL - VICTIM:

60630039

EXTORTION V/0

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Enclosed for the Bureau are one letter with accompanying envelope and 90-minute cassette tape.

For information, victim received enclosures in the mail COSELL immediately turned them over to the security on 6/18/86. American Broadcasting Company, New chief, York, NY, who immediately contacted the NY office of the EBI. then turned over enclosures to NYO.

Enclosed letter, which is rambling in nature, indicates subject wants \$42 million from numerous people in the entertainment business. Numerous attempts to play accompanying cassette tape have met with negative results, and it appears that tape is not functional and in need of repair.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

Identification Division/Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to process enclosed letter for latents of value.

Laboratory Divis 100/ Document Section is requested to compare enclosed letter to anonymous letter file. JUL 8 1986

Technical Services Division/Engineering Section is requested to examine enclosed caseette tape, to see if it workable order.

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Above results should be furnished to Milwaukee Division, in that enclosures were mailed from what appears to be address of subject. Return address is as follows:

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In view of the above, NYO is considering this case RUC.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To:

ADIC, New York (9A-2517) (JTF-1)

July 23, 1986

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FBI FILE NO.

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LAB. NO.

60630039 D/E LL VT

Re:

HOWARD COSELL - VICTIM; EXTORTION

00: Milwaukee

Examination requested by:

Addressee

Reference:

Communication dated June 23, 1986

Examination requested:

Document - Engineering - Fingerprint

Specimens received

June 30, 1986



Specimens:



- Ql Envelope twice postmarked "UPPER THIRD ST STA MILWAUKEE WI USPO JUNE 13 1986," bearing the handwritten address "to: Mr Howard Cosell 150 E. 69th Street New York, N.Y. 10021"
- Q2 Accompanying handwritten letter beginning "My Dear Mr Howard ..."

ALSO SUBMITTED:

90 minute cassette tape

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Enclosures (2)

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Result of examination:

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Ql and Q2 were not identified in the Anonymous Letter File. Representative copies of these specimens have been added to this file for future reference.

No watermarks or indented writing of value were found on Q1 and Q2.

No latent fingerprint examinations are being conducted in this matter per instructions in Milwaukee communication dated July 1, 1986.

Ql and Q2 were photographed and are being returned to Milwaukee. The disposition of the ALSO SUBMITTED cassette tape and the results of the examination of that tape will be furnished separately.

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6/30/86

Laboratory Work Sheet

To:

ADIC, New York (9A-2517) (JTF-1)

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ALSO SUBMITTED:

90 minute cassette tape

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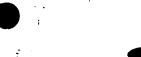
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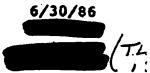
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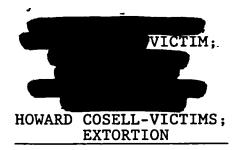


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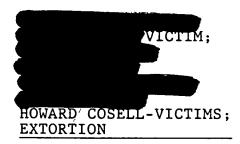


On April 24, 1986, (noted television and movie personality) contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at Los Angeles, California, advising that he had received, via the United States Postal Service, a letter and a tape dated March 20, 1986. The letter had been sent to at his former ex-wife, address,

Upon receipt of letter and tape from the FBI, Los Angeles, Milwaukee Division reviewed the 90-minute cassette. During made veiled threats against the course of the tape. (Mayor of Milwaukee, Wisconsin); Senator (Milwaukee County Executive): (Wisconsin State Senator), and President No overt threats were made against any of the above-mentioned individuals. Although numerous television and movie personalities were mentioned, none were threatened.

On June 25, 1986, the following were notified in reference to the above: Senator State Director for security personnel for Mayor and Executive along with appropriate local law enforcement authorities. Additionally, Special Agent (SA) _United States Secret Service (USSS), Milwaukee, was advised of stated that USSS, Los Angeles, had reviewed instant tape and concluded that no violation existed.

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further advised that on March 18, 1986, was arrested by the Brown Deer, Wisconsin Police Department and charged with threat to injure. The charge was subsequently dismissed by the Milwaukee District Attorney's Office due to lack of evidence. SA reiterated that during incarceration at the Winnebago Mental Health Center, Winnebago, Wisconsin, in August, 1985, a psychiatric evaluation determined that was not believed to be dangerous, however, it was believed that would continue this behavior pattern.

This matter was presented to Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) R. JEFFREY WAGNER, Eastern District of Wisconsin (EDW) on June 25, 1986. AUSA WAGNER advised that he would review instant matter to determine if a violation exists.

The records of the Milwaukee Police Department, Bureau of Identification (B of I) number 153238, and the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, B of I number 54280 provide the following description of

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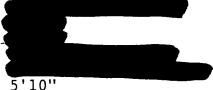
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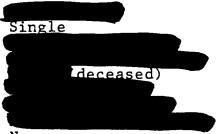
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE: September 8, 1986 TO: SAC, Milwaukee (9A-1826)

VICTIM; Re:

HOWARD COSELL-VICTIMS; EXTORTION

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8/8/86 and 8/26/86. AUSA WAGNER authorized prosecution of subject on 8/19/86, and on 9/3/86, advised that he was in the process of preparing an indictment.

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FBI TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535



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To: ADIC, New York (9A-2517)(JTF-1)

October 1, 1986

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VICTIM;

Re:

HOWARD COSELL-VICTIMS;

EXTORTION

OO: MILWAUKEE

Examination requested by:

ADIC, New York

Reference:

Airtel dated June 23, 1986, Laboratory Report dated July 23, 1986, Milwaukee Airtel dated July 1, 1986

Examination requested:

Miscellaneous

Remarks:

The tape repair was performed by SA

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HOWARD COSELL-VICTIMS; EXTORTION

Specimens received June 30, 1986

Q3 One ToneMaster 90 magnetic tape cassette marked in part "June 12th 1986"

Result of examination:

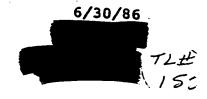
An examination of specimen Q3 revealed that it played backwards because the tape was twisted inside the housing. The tape was removed and remounted in a Maxell C90 magnetic tape cassette housing.

Specimen Q3 was forwarded to the Milwaukee Office via registered mail on September 8, 1986.



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EXTORTION

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Addressee

Reference:

Communication dated June 23, 1986

Examination requested:

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June 30, 1986

Specimens received:

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Q1 Envelope twice postmarked *UPPER THIRD ST STA MILWAUKEE WI USPO JUNE 13 1986, bearing the handwritten address "to: Mr Howard Cosell 150 E. 69th Street New York, N.Y. 10021"

Q2 Accompanying handwritten letter beginning "My Dear Mr Howard ...'

ALSO SUBMITTED:

90 minute cassette tape

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